# **STAND UP** It Starts Here

Daniel 1:3-20

### SPIRIT OF THE SERIES

To encourage and equip <u>believers</u> to live lives that say <u>yes</u> to Jesus when the norm of culture consistently says <u>no</u>.

## **REALITIES FOR CHRISTIANS**

- 1. We are part of a real battle.
- 2. We need a strategy to be effective.
- 3. We can thrive and not just survive even in hard places.

## **MODEL**

Daniel is a great example of thriving.

#### TO STAND UP

Choose to choose Him and not them.

• Resolve to honor God above all else.

# **CHOOSING HIM**

- 1. Create a <u>habit</u> that <u>reinforces</u> the choice to choose Him and not them.
- 2. Understand that God honors choices that honor Him.
- 3. Notice that wisdom has a way of creating more wisdom.

# **REMEMBER**

Jesus chose to choose the Father even when it was hard.

## MAKING CHOICES STICK

- 1. <u>Tell</u> someone your choice.
- 2. Evaluate how you are doing.

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Start with the <u>end</u>: What will people say about my <u>dash (-)</u>?



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